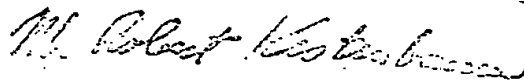


Remarks

A status identifier has been included for each of the claims. This submission should fully respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on 24 August 2004.

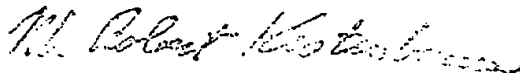
Wherefore, further consideration and allowance of the claims is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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